

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 10, 2007

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 8:35 am by Rick Landavazo
2. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA
 - Doug Goad – Is the San Elijo Lagoon a State River Conservancy?
 - ♦ No, there are only a few of these designated by the state.
 - Paul Davis – We received a new roster for the Board of Supervisors and it would be nice to have a new phone listing for staff in this office.
3. Approval of July 13, 2007 Minutes
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MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 13, 2007 MINUTES WITH CHANGE ON GRANT
LANGUAGE FROM RICK LANDAVAZO – Paul Davis, 2nd Doug Goad
ALL IN FAVOR – 9-0-0
4. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Mike Haraway
 - Distributed the July accomplishments.
 - Pine Valley Days was held at Pine Valley County Park.
 - On July 31, 2007 the Board of Supervisors acknowledged and gave a proclamation for Parks and Recreation month.
5. STRATEGIC PLAN MEETING AUGUST 14TH – Mike Haraway
 - We will be having a Strategic Planning meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 in the Sycamore Room.
 - You are all invited to attend this meeting with staff at which the Strategic Plan will be discussed and reviewed.
6. PLDO and CSA Fund Balance Reports – Denbigh Dickson
 - Distributed the updated PLDO and CSA reports.
7. Barnett Ranch – Mike McFedries
 - We recently opened Barnett Ranch, which is an open space preserve in the Ramona area.
 - This is a great preserve with some trails that are not extremely difficult to climb and a great way to get out and enjoy nature.
 - ♦ Rick Landavazo– How was Barnett Ranch acquired and funded?
 - ♦ Jim Peugh – Is there the possibility for expansion of this area?

- There is some area around it, but we do not know if it is something that the County will pursue.

8. Sunset Review – Renee Bahl

- This document is the rules and ordinances for the department and every ten years there is a review of this document.
- We brought this to you in March and have made a lot of revisions and clean-up of the document over the last few months.
- This document is something that is very legal and we gave a lot of our ideas and changes to our counsel for their review and had to follow their direction on many items and where to be more specific or broader.
- The Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission has an issue with part of the Sunset Review and will be opposing it. This group would like to be able to carry firearms and hunt on county land.
 - ◆ Doug Goad – I am opposed to the hunting, but I know that there are some groups that use paintball or other activities to bring groups together, is there a way to have this as a special permit or item for this type of activity.
- Currently we do not allow paintball activity on any of our county land, but if we wanted to designate an area for this type of activity we could.
 - ◆ Paul Davis – I am looking at using some of my land to lease for hunting and part of the deal is that they have to have a \$1 million liability insurance to do this.
 - ◆ Rick Landavazo – One of the issues that I have with hunting is that it endangers the park for other users. I would be very much against this as it would restrict the use of the parks for the majority of users.
 - ◆ Rod Groenewold – I think that there should be an opportunity for people to have certain types of activities that use arrows, bb guns, etc. I know that there are a lot of great Scout programs that have badges for these types of activities and great programs run by the NRA to teach these type of activities. I think that its wrong to just put out a blanket denial for something.
- As the ordinance currently reads there is the option for allowing special use permits for a designated area and time, but you couldn't just bring a bb gun into a park.
 - ◆ Mike McCoy – I think that if you are going to be consistent that this is a family orientated facility for nature you have to keep with your current policies. These also seem to be in alignment with the other State and Federal parks in the area.
 - ◆ Doug Goad – What I would like to see in the documents is some type of form that would allow a specific use and make it available.
 - ◆ Rod Groenewold – I don't equate a paintball facility or archery range as part of hunting or firearms.
 - ◆ Rick Landavazo – I agree and understand this, but I wonder if it might weaken or undermine the current code. I think that there could be something developed to serve these needs. I think that there is something in the policy that allows the Director to approve a permit or special event would be good.
- I will be happy to talk with our counsel about this to see if it is possible and if there is language that should be put into this that gives me the authority to approve special permitted recreational activities. I just want to make sure that it is something that would not weaken this document.

- ◆ Rod Groenewold – I am in agreement that there should not be hunting in this document, but would just like to have some type of permitting process for special organized recreational uses.
 - Ecological reserve is something that only the State can designate and this section is exactly from them so I do not believe we can change it, but I would double check on that.
 - ◆ Rick Landavazo – Sections 41.118 and 9 – Fire Hazard – I think that the fire heights should be limited.
 - ◆ John Carroll – I believe that it is and the current rule is one foot above the fire ring?
 - That is correct, however it is not part of this document but our department policies.
 - ◆ Jim Peugh – I think that a service dog should also be allowed in this language.
 - ◆ Mike McCoy – I think that there should be something in there to encourage ride sharing in and to parks.
 - ◆ Jim Peugh - 41.134 I think that it should be a coast guard approved device, not just listed as a flotation device.
 - ◆ Rick Landavazo – I think the word passive should be added to the definitions 41.102 (i). I think that there is some frustration about dirt bikes that are encroaching on areas that they are not allowed and this should be addressed. Also, something to address the domestic dogs and cats that are encroaching onto preserves and parks as the development gets closer and closer to our parks and preserve areas.
 - ◆ Mike McCoy – Vehicular activity in County Parks should be addressed so that it can't happen in the future, like it did in the OVRP.
 - There is language that prohibits motorized recreational vehicles on any of our trails or land.
 - ◆ Roger Utt – What is “Game of Chance” and you don’t need “building or structure” they are the same and then how were the pets determined? I didn’t see any reference to protection of insects or entomology. 41.115 should read “damage to structures” not facilities. 41.121 “in or near a body of water”. 41.127 should there be something added about having proof of insurance.
 - The “game of chance” is something that was discussed and there is no gambling allowed at any park facility, except for bingo at the community centers.
 - ◆ Jim Peugh – Is there a specific limit to the noise that is allowed? I think that if you put something in there about how far away you should be for noise would give an easy way for Rangers to enforce this rule.
- MOTION TO SUPPORT THE SUNSET REVIEW ORDINANCE – Rod Groenewold,
2nd Jim Peugh
ALL IN FAVOR – 9-0-0

9. Operational Plan FY 07-09 – Renee Bahl

- Distributed the Proposed Operational Plan for FY 2007-09.
- We noticed this year that our senior lunch numbers was declining due to lack of transportation and the loss of those that have been participating in this program for a number of years.
- We had expected our volunteer hours to be higher than the 89,000 and are trying to encourage more participation in our volunteer events and get more groups and people out to our parks.

- ◆ Rick Landavazo – We used to get sheets to fill out from the Rangers when we had events/clean-ups at Hellhole Canyon but lately have not been receiving these, so I think that maybe there are a lot of ours and volunteers out there that are not being counted.
- ◆ Paul Davis – We have a senior lunch program in our community and one of the things that attracts them is getting the day old bread and bakery items and give that to them, then on Fridays there is a small raffle. Also, if you keep activities on both sides of the lunchtime schedule they are more likely to attend and stay for lunch.
- ◆ Doug Goad – We have a website that allows you to track the community service activities and time and all you have to do is log in and it is a very organized way to keep track of these items.
- ◆ Jim Peugh – A common problem is removal of invasive species, but I don't see it on this plan.
- This is a very important part of what we do and you are correct this is not a specific line item, but it is something that we do when we implement many of our plans.
- Your point is very well taken and we will make note of it for our Strategic planning meeting and look at it for next year.

10. Non-motorized Boat Use Fees – Renee Bahl

- As the Director I have the authority to approve fees that are within the current approved range for our parks and facilities.
 - I received a letter from a constituent about boating fees inquiring and questioning why a non-motorized watercraft (a kayak in this case) is charged the same as a motorized watercraft.
 - John Carroll – What is the difference in the impact from a boat to a canoe? I think that the non-motorized have less of an impact and require less attention.
 - Rod Groenewold – I think that it makes sense to have a difference in the fees for motorized and non-motorized.
 - Jim Peugh – I think that anything to promote non-motorized activities should be encouraged.
 - I currently have the authority to lower this rate within the approved range, which would allow lowering it to \$55 for non-motorized watercraft.
 - Rick Landavazo – I think that this is a good idea.
- MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE PARKS DIRECTOR ESTABLISH A LOWER FEE FOR THE NON-MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT – John Degenfelder, 2nd John Carroll
- ALL IN FAVOR – 9-0-0

11. Opportunity for Members of Public to Speak on Any Items Not on Today's Agenda

- None

8. Adjournment 9:50 am Rick Landavazo

ATTENDEES:

Dr. Mike McCoy, District 1

John Carroll, District 1

John Degenfelder, District 2
Doug Goad, District 3
Paul Davis, District 3
Jim Peugh, District 4
Roger Utt, District 4
Rick Landavazo, District 5
Rod Groenewold, District 5
Renée Bahl, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Mike Haraway, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Sabrina Hicks, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Melissa Lowrey, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Trish Boaz, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Mike McFedries, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Teresa Beauharnois, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation